

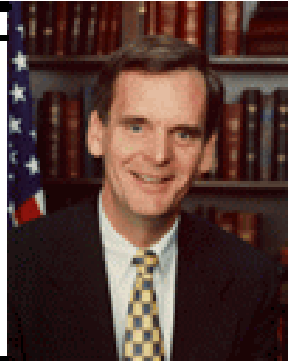
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**GREGG COSPONSORS MEASURE AUTHORIZING PENTAGON TO FUND  
NATIONAL GUARD ACTIVITIES IN N.H. HOMELAND SECURITY PLAN**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today joined several of his Senate colleagues in cosponsoring the Guaranteeing a United and Resolute Defense Act of 2003, a measure which will permit every state Governor to create a homeland security activities plan and which authorizes the U.S. Secretary of Defense to provide oversight and funding for these plans. The bill, which closely mirrors the recommendations of the Hart-Rudman Terrorism Task Force, is modeled after the successful National Guard counterdrug program. The funding will be used for National Guard operations to carry out the activities plans that detail how National Guard personnel and equipment are to be used in homeland security activities.

Senator Gregg, a member of the Senate National Guard Caucus and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, stated, "The men and women of New Hampshire's National Guard helped serve a critical security role following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and they did so in an exceptional and effective manner. As the new Department of Homeland Security begins to shape our security strategies on a national level, local National Guard personnel will again serve a vital role in keeping Granite State residents safe. This measure authorizes the Department of Defense to bear some of the cost of carrying out homeland security-related activities, and I have every confidence that if called upon, the New Hampshire National Guard will once again respond as strong as ever."

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